

Remarks

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 8, 2008, the Applicants elect the species of Example 5, on page 23 of the Specification. This is a compound with the following definitions for each of the variables:

$X1 = X2 = N$

$A1 = A2 = -NHCO-$

$B1 = B2 = -CO-$

$V1 = V2 = \text{covalent bond}$

$W1 = W2 = -(CH_2)_w-$

$Y1 = Y2 = -(CH_2)_y-$

$L1 = L2 = \text{a maleimide residue}$

$M1 = -(CH_2)_m-$

$n = \text{zero}$

$w = 1$

$y = 2$

$m = 2$

By virtue of the definitions of the other variables (particularly n), the integers $X3$, $B3$, $V3$, $Y3$, $L3$, $M2$, $R1$, $R2$ and v are absent from the definition of Example 5.

The species of Example 5 is readable on the following claims: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-3319 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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